

# Deeper Life Notes

## *Faith Comes by Hearing:*

### “Defining the Image of God”

#### (Genesis 1:26-27), Pastor Dan Osborn: February 16, 2020



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*So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. - Romans 10:17 ESV*

**Warm Up:** What does it mean that we are made in God’s image?

“We are icons of God, creatures made with a unique capacity to mirror and reflect the character of God.”<sup>1</sup>

*EFCA Statement of Faith #3: The Human Condition*

We believe that **God created Adam and Eve in His image**, but they sinned when tempted by Satan. In union with Adam, human beings are sinners by nature and by choice, alienated from God, and under His wrath. Only through God’s saving work in Jesus Christ can we be rescued, reconciled and renewed.

#### SIX IMPLICATIONS OF BEARING GOD’S IMAGE

**1. EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS \_\_\_\_\_.**<sup>2</sup> (Genesis 1:26-27, 9:6)

\*How to attribute worth to our neighbor:

- Connect, don’t condemn!

(Proverbs 15:31, 1 Corinthians 15:45, 1 John 4:7, Romans 12:10)

- Bless, don’t curse!

(Matthew 5:20-21, James 3:8-10, 2 Corinthians 2:15-17, Ephesians 4:15, 1 Peter 3:15)

**2. EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS PURPOSE.**

“And let them have **dominion...**” (Genesis 1:26)

a) Authority to rule (Psalm 8:3-6, Daniel 4:17, Romans 13:1-5)

b) Responsibility to rule (stewards, caretakers)

c) Now but not yet (Isaiah 11:6, 1 Corinthians 15:20-21)

<sup>1</sup> Dr. R.C. Sproul, Ligonier Ministries

<sup>2</sup> WORTH

**3. EVERY HUMAN BEING IS DISTINCTLY \_\_\_\_\_ OR \_\_\_\_\_.**<sup>3</sup>

“in the image of God he created him; **male** and **female** he created them.” -Genesis 1:26

- a) Equal in essence: co-heirs of the grace of life (1 Peter 3:7)
- b) Complementary in function (Genesis 2:24)
- c) Now but not yet (Ephesians 5:31)

**4. WE ARE \_\_\_\_\_**<sup>4</sup> **IN REFLECTING GODS' GLORY.**

See Romans 3:23 & 5:12-15, James 2:10 & 3:9, 1 John 1:8, Ephesians 4:22-24

\*Every human being's image of God is not destroyed, but it is defaced!

**5. GOD'S IMAGE IN US IS A PRESENT & \_\_\_\_\_**<sup>5</sup> **GIFT OF GOD.**

- a) A present reality (2 Corinthians 5:17-18)
- b) A potential gift (Romans 6:23, John 1:12, Romans 10:9-10)
- c) A gift that grows (Romans 8:29, 2 Corinthians 3:18, Colossians 3:9-10)
- d) A gift revealed in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 4:3-6, Hebrews 1:3, Colossians 1:19-20)
- e) A gift worked in man through the Holy Spirit (2 Corinthians 3:18a)

**6. THE IMAGE OF GOD WILL ONLY BE FULLY REALIZED IN GLORY: HOPE!**

“Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” - 1 John 3:2-3 ESV

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<sup>3</sup> MALE...FEMALE

<sup>4</sup> LIMITED

<sup>5</sup> (POTENTIALLY) PROGRESSIVE

